

Teak and Sandalwood Forest.

Q.—362. Sri SIRASAPPA IJARI (Harapanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the extent of forest yielding teak and sandalwood ;

(b) whether there are any proposals to improve the area and the yield ;

(c) whether any complaints have been received about the destruction of forest in Sandur area and whether any action has been taken by them against such disafforestation ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) Since Sandal and Teak grow along with many other species of trees in the forests of the State, it is not possible to compute this information.

(b) Raising teak plantations is an annual feature of the Forest Department. Though no regular Sandal tree plantations can be raised for the reason that Sandal is a root parasite and cannot be grown in the form of a plantation, dibbling seeds of Sandal under bushes is done every year for increasing the extent of Sandalwood trees in forests.

(c) Yes. The matter is under investigation.

Village Offices.

Q.—168. Sri B. RACHIAH (Yelandur—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the total extent of service inam land in the possession of registered Baravardars holding village offices ;

(b) the total number of persons who receive potgi and the total amount ;

(c) whether all the service lands are exempted from payment of assessment ;

(d) whether they intend to abolish these hereditary offices and make regular appointments restricting the number of posts ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(a) 1,38,993 acres and 26 guntas.

(b) (1) 39,751.

(2) Rs. 15,36,847-3-9.

(c) No.

(d) No.

Medical Probationers.

Q.—303. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have appointed 18 medical probationers in October 1953 ;

(b) if so, their names, community and order of ranking ;

(c) the principles they applied for fixing the ranking of the probationers ;

(d) whether this is not in accordance with the Public Service Commission's recommendation that the ranking of these probationers was fixed ;

(e) whether these persons were not appointed in accordance with the same ranking fixed by the Public Service Commission and accepted by the Government in 1953 by a Government Order ;

(f) whether there is any further recommendation from the Public Service Commission to the Government deviating from the previous recommendation sent to the Government before the Government Order of 1953 ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Please see statement below.

(c) The Public Service Commission furnish the order of ranking.

(d) Yes, except in regard to Sri Chamaraj.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes. The matter is under consideration of Government.